

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoki YAMAMORI et al.

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For: ANTIFOULING COATING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 12 without prejudice to its reentry at some later date.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the acrylic resin constituting said metal-containing acrylic resin has an acid value of 80 to 300 mg KOH/g and a glass transition temperature of not higher than 5 °C.

4. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

7. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.